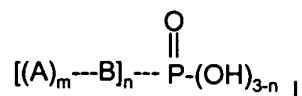


In the claims:

1. **(original)** A phosphoric acid ester and salts thereof of the general formula I,



wherein

A is a monohydroxyl residue derived from

C₁-C₂₀-alkyl-(AO)_x-OH or Acyl-(AO)_x-OH; or

C₁-C₂₀-alkyl -(AO)_x-(HA)_y-OH or Acyl-(AO)_x-(HA)_y-OH; or

C₁-C₂₀-alkyl -(AO)_x-(AA-AO)_y-OH or Acyl-(AO)_x-(AA-AO)_y-OH; or

MO -(HA)_y-OH or MO-(AA-AO)_y-OH; wherein

Acyl is an aromatic carboxylic acid residue or a saturated or unsaturated fatty acid residue;

AO is a polyC₂-C₄alkyleneglycol residue,

HA is a hydroxycarboxylic acid or a lactone thereof,

AA is a dicarboxylic acid,

MO is a monoalcohol,

x is 1 to 250,

y is 1 to 250,

B is a mono-, di-, tri- or polyhydroxy di-, tri- or multi-carboxylic acid residue which is linked via the hydroxy group to the phosphoric acid and via one of the carboxylic acid groups to the monohydroxyl residue [A], the remaining carboxylic acid group(s) is/are free or is/are esterified with a further monohydroxyl residue [A], resulting in branched esters;

n is 1-2;

m is 1-4.

2. **(currently amended)** A phosphoric acid ester according to claim 1, wherein B has at least one free carboxylic acid group and a non- branching center.

3. **(original)** A phosphoric acid ester according to claim 1, wherein the free carboxylic acid group(s) of B is/are fully esterified.

4. **(original)** A phosphoric acid ester according to claim 1, wherein B has at least one free carboxylic acid group and at least one free carboxylic acid group is esterified.

5. **(currently amended)** A phosphoric acid ester according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 4~~ claim 1, wherein B is malic acid or citric acid.

6. **(currently amended)** A phosphoric acid ester according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 5~~ claim 1, wherein

Acyl is a saturated or unsaturated fatty acid residue;

AO is a polyC₂-C₃alkyleneglycol residue;

HA is ε-caprolactone or δ-valerolactone;

AA is a dicarboxylic acid;

MO is a monoalcohol having 4 to 30 carbon atoms ~~[[is]]~~ in the alkyl chain,

x is 2 to 50,

y is 2 to 50.

7. **(currently amended)** A mixture of a phosphoric acid ester according to ~~any one of claims 1 to 6~~ claim 1 with a phosphoric acid ester of polyC₂-C₄alkylene glycolmonoethers in ~~[[wt]]~~ weight ratio of 0.01 to 99.99 ~~;~~ ; ~~preferably 10 to 90, more preferably 50 to 50.~~

8. **(currently amended)** ~~The use of A dispersant comprising~~ a phosphoric acid ester of the formula I or salts thereof according to claim 1. ~~any one of claims 1 to 6 or of a mixture according to claim 7 as dispersant.~~

9. **(currently amended)** ~~The use of A sheet moulding compound (SMC) system or bulk moulding compound (BMC) system comprising~~ a phosphoric acid ester of the formula I or salts thereof according to claim 1. ~~in the production of sheet moulding compounds (SMC) or bulk moulding compounds (BMC).~~

10. **(currently amended)** ~~The use of A water- or solvent-based coating or printing ink comprising a phosphoric acid ester of the formula I or salts thereof according to claim 1 in the production of water- and solvent-based coatings and printing inks.~~

11. **(new)** A mixture of a phosphoric acid esters according claim 7, wherein the weight ratio of phosphoric acid ester of formula 1 according to claim 1 to a phosphoric acid ester of polyC₂-C₄alkylene glycolmonoethers is 10 to 90.

12. **(new)** A mixture of a phosphoric acid esters according claim 7, wherein the weight ratio of phosphoric acid ester of formula 1 according to claim 1 to a phosphoric acid ester of polyC₂-C₄alkylene glycolmonoethers is 50 to 50.

13. **(new)** A dispersant comprising a mixture according to claim 7.